

REMARKS

The provided substitute specification, abstract, and amendments to the claims are not made for reasons of overcoming prior art but are made solely to render the specification and claims more clear. No new matter has been added. A marked up original specification is also provided for examiners' convenience.

The amendments in this response are made to the claims as examined in the Office Action dated June 16, 2005. Claims 1 to 28 are pending. Claims 1-5 and 7-28 are allowed. Claim 6 stands rejected at present.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because they included certain reference characters not described in the description. The substitute specification includes amendments to overcome these objections. Specifically, at paragraph [0035] it states: “....valve actuator member 160 defines a flow passage 161. The lower end of the valve actuator member 160 is attached to the valve carrier 207 which rigidly holds the valve element 205.” Applicants respectfully request Examiner withdraw this objection.

The Examiner objected to the specification because of the use of the phrase “Out/In” straddle tool”. Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification and abstract with amendments to overcome this objection, and therefore respectfully request Examiner withdraw this objection.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 13-17, 19-21, and 25-28 due to certain informalities related to phrases and terms used in the claims. Amendments to the claims are made herein to overcome the objections. Further, amendments are made to the specification to further clarify the specification in light of these claim amendments. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request Examiner withdraw these objections.

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 has been amended herein to overcome the rejection.

In summary, for the reasons and amendments detailed above, it is submitted that all claims now presented in the application are in better condition for allowance, and accordingly, such action is respectfully requested. Amendments made to the independent claims are applicable to the claims dependent thereon. Applicants submit that this paper is fully responsive to the comments in the Office Action and respectfully solicit for this application to be granted in light of these amendments and remarks.

If the Examiner believes that the prosecution of the application would be facilitated by a telephone interview, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 281-285-8606. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1579.

Respectfully submitted,



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